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SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SCREENS THE MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN AMERICA: DANIEL ELLSBERG AND THE PENTAGON PAPERS Film Explores Daring of Conscience Which Helped to End the Vietnam War

SAN DIEGO – The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego and Public Broadcast System's (PBS) Point-of-View (POV) series, will host a film screening of *The Most Dangerous Man in America: Daniel Ellsberg and the Pentagon Papers*. The film will screen on Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. This event is free and open to the public.

Why would a dedicated Cold War strategist throw away his career, his friends, and risk life in prison for a chance to help end the Vietnam War? In 1971, Daniel Ellsberg, a leading military planner, concluded that America's role in the war was based on decades of lies. He leaked 7,000 pages of top-secret documents, to the New York Times, a daring act of conscience that led to Watergate, President Nixon's resignation and the end of the Vietnam War. *Most Dangerous Man in America*, nominated for an Oscar®, is a gripping tale told by Ellsberg with a who's who of Vietnam- and Watergate-era figures.

Since 1988, "POV" has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues.

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